

2006 Grants

Africa: 13

Name of Organization: Council of International Programs USA

Location: Cleveland, Ohio

Subject: Developing entrepreneurial skills in the Ethiopian workforce: Africa Workforce Development

Council of International Programs USA (CIP-USA) is conducting a three-phased program to improve workforce skills and encourage entrepreneurship in Ethiopia, focusing mostly on helping the Ethiopian Employers Federation to develop a business skills center in Addis Ababa. In the first phase, six Americans travel to Ethiopia for three weeks to assess needs in more detail, to conduct workshops on business skills, and to recruit Ethiopians who come to the U.S. for extended training. In the second phase, ten Ethiopians come to the U.S. for three weeks of mentoring and internships. In the third phase, four Americans travel to Ethiopia for one week to assist in launching the new business center.

Country(ies): Ethiopia

Region: Africa

U.S. State: OH

Theme(s): Business

Congressional interest project

Name of Organization: Heartland International

Location: Chicago, IL

Subject: Developing entrepreneurial skills for young women

Heartland International (HI), in collaboration with the Tanzania Association of Women Entrepreneurs (TAWA) is conducting a year-long, three-phase program aimed at empowering young women entrepreneurs in Tanzania. In phase one, three HI representatives conduct a three-day training-of-trainers workshop for 15 TAWA members who in turn will conduct seminars for up to 30 young women entrepreneurs in each of five towns. In phase 2, two young women from each of the five towns travel to the U.S. for a three-week program. In the third and final phase, three HI representatives travel to Tanzania to conduct an evaluation and consultation with the TAWA trainers and executive committee and the young women entrepreneurs involved in the seminars.

Country(ies): Tanzania

Region: Africa

U.S. State: IL

Theme(s): Business, Women's Empowerment

Name of Organization: Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Location: Blacksburg, VA

Subject: Emphasizing the importance of rights and responsibilities in a democratic society

Virginia Tech (VT) is partnering with Kenyatta University in Nairobi and the Center for Civic Education in California over a two and a half year period to provide a series of seminars conducted in Kenya by eight Americans that examine the practices, policies, and processes of transparency and accountability in governance. Ten Kenyan participants come to the United States to learn first-hand about governance at both the national and local levels during internships they will have in agencies and schools and living with host families. Upon their return to Kenya, the participants conduct trainings in their communities and will also implement small projects. The outputs of the exchange should directly impact over 500 people.

Country(ies): Kenya

Region: Africa

U.S. State: VA

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Morehouse College

Location: Atlanta, Georgia

Subject: Conducting an exchange program with South Africa on ethical leadership, cultural understanding and community service

The Leadership Center at Morehouse College is conducting an exchange program on ethical leadership, cultural understanding, and community service between Morehouse College and two South African partner institutions, CIDA City Campus and Wilberforce Community College. Project activities include a two-week U.S.-based exchange for 18 South Africans and a two-week program in South Africa for 20 Americans. A second tier of students and faculty benefit from group lectures, discussion groups and interactions with the exchange groups during their visits to the United States and South Africa.

Country(ies): South Africa

Region: Africa

U.S. State: GA

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Congressional interest project

Name of Organization: Michigan State University

Subject: Improving effectiveness and accountability of local government

Location: Lansing, MI

Michigan State University with its Nigerian partner the University of Jos, will conduct a year-long program on responsible governance. Eighteen Nigerian local government officials, representatives of non-governmental organizations, and university scholars will come to the U.S. for a week of seminars in Washington, D.C. followed by three weeks of internship with the Michigan Municipal League. The participants will explore how they can more effectively collaborate to promote citizen participation in government decision-making and examine specific practices that foster responsive government and public administration. Eight MSU professors will travel to Nigeria to conduct training workshops and consultations for ten days.

Country(ies): Nigeria

Region: Africa

U.S. State: MI

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Oklahoma State University

Subject: Developing professional capacity for media specialists

Location: Stillwater, Oklahoma

Oklahoma State University will conduct a six-phased program to nurture and enhance professional standards among the media in Mali, with a focus on economic journalism, especially agricultural business. Two U.S. delegations of eight people each will travel to Mali to lead workshops and consult with agri-businesses. Fourteen Malians, representing all sectors of the media, will come to the U.S. for a month of internships and special educational activities.

Country(ies): Mali

Region: Africa

U.S. State: OK

Theme(s): Media

Name of Organization: University of Massachusetts/Boston

Subject: Developing a more effective and socially responsible media

Location: Boston, Massachusetts

The Center for Democracy and Development (CDD) at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, University of Massachusetts - Boston, in collaboration with the University of Liberia and other Liberian entities, will conduct a two-year program of educational and cultural exchange to help journalists, editors, educators, and media managers develop independent, effective, professional media in Liberia. The program will unfold in four phases: Journalistic Methods and Standards, Media Entrepreneurship, Media Creativity and Production. Each phase will be broken down into specific components for teachers of media (primarily from the University of Liberia), for media practitioners (i.e. journalists), and for media managers and entrepreneurs. Finally, the specific needs of print and broadcast media and other types of emerging media businesses (such as internet, radio or electronic newspapers) will be addressed. Eleven Liberians and 11 Americans will participate in the exchanges.

Country(ies): Liberia

Region: Africa

U.S. State: MA

Theme(s): Media

Name of Organization: American Center for International Labor Solidarity

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Implementing exchanges for labor leaders in eight countries in multiple regions

The American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) is implementing the following exchanges: U.S. study tour to Algeria; U.S. study tour to the Ukraine; U.S. study tour to Kenya; African Telecommunication Trade Unionists study tour to the U.S.; U.S. study tour to Oman; U.S. study tour to Colombia; U.S. study tour to China; U.S. study tour to India; Brazilian study tour to U.S.; African Trade Unionists study tour to U.S.; and scholarships for foreign trade union leaders to study at the George Meany Center.

Country(ies): Algeria, Ukraine, Kenya, Oman, Colombia, China, India, Brazil

Region: Africa, Near East, South and Central Asia, Western Hemisphere

U.S. State: OR

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Congressional interest project

Name of Organization: Institute for Representative Government

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Providing parliamentary study missions and democratic development in countries in multiple regions

The Institute for Representative Government is arranging and monitoring a series of highly targeted, well-timed parliamentary study missions that can provide critical impetus to parliamentary and democratic development initiatives. Specifically, IRG is implementing the following: 1) Balkans: Kosovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro - Constitutional Change and Legislative Reform Program ; 2) Uganda and Liberia - Disability Awareness and Advocacy Program ; 3) Ukraine - Political Party Caucus Strengthening Program; 4) Kazakhstan - Constituent Services Program; 5) Kyrgyzstan - Parliamentary Development Program; 6) Yemen - Budget Monitoring Program; 7) Sri Lanka - Strengthening Parliamentary Processes Program; 8) Egypt - Government Opposition Relations Program and; 9) Democratic Republic of Congo - Legislative Committee Strengthening and Peace Program.

Country(ies): Kosovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, Uganda, Liberia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Democratic Republic of Congo

Region: Africa, Europe, Near East, South and Central Asia

U.S. State: DC

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Congressional interest project

Name of Organization: Sister Cities International

Location: Washington, D.C.

Subject: Supporting Sister City partnerships in over 130 countries

Sister Cities International (SCI), which promotes mutual understanding among citizens of the U.S. and abroad through the activities of the 1,300 U.S. cities affiliated with more than 2,400 sister cities in 137 countries around the world, acts as a coordinator and catalyst in the development of various types of sister-city programs. This grant partially supports SCI functioning as a clearinghouse to gather, analyze and disseminate information and work directly with community leaders and citizen volunteers, as well as elected officials.

Country(ies): Worldwide

Region: Multiple

U.S. State: DC

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Congressional interest project

Name of Organization: The American Council of Young Political Leaders

Location: Washington, D.C.

Subject: Implementing two-week exchanges for young political leaders

The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) supports the development of democratic practices and productive, ongoing contacts between politically active individuals in the United States and their overseas counterparts by coordinating a series of exchange programs for U.S. and foreign participants. These exchanges directly support the Department's U.S. strategic goal to open political systems and societies to democratic practices, the rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights. ACYPL is implementing a series of two-week study tours, involving up to 30 delegations of seven to twelve members each.

Country(ies): Worldwide

Region: Multiple

U.S. State: DC

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Congressional interest project

Name of Organization: University of Alaska

Location: Fairbanks, AK

Subject: Supporting the implementation of the Ninth International Permafrost Conference

The University of Alaska is implementing a variety of activities designed to address the preparation, planning and implementation of the Ninth International Permafrost Conference. Specific activities include (1) the conference, to be held June 29-July 3, 2008, on the University of Alaska-Fairbanks campus and which focuses on issues associated with understanding permafrost evolution and its feedback to climate change; (2) the operation of the Education and Outreach Coordination Office, which supports activities related to the International Polar Year (IPY), including the travel of U.S. specialists to IPY activities abroad; and (3) the creation of a "Think-tank of the North"--a set of public seminars given around Alaska by prominent scientists, policy makers, and authors who have focused on understanding and adapting to the ongoing challenges the Arctic faces.

Country(ies): Worldwide

Region: Multiple

U.S. State: AK

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Congressional interest project

Name of Organization: World Affairs Council of Oregon

Location: Portland, Oregon

Subject: Creating international connections in three cities and towns outside of Portland, Oregon

This grant supports the World Affairs Council of Oregon's efforts to increase that state's international connections in education, business, government and the non-profit sector in the cities and towns outside of metropolitan Portland. Project activities include the development of three regional centers in Medford, Pendleton and Bend; visits by international visitors at each center; outreach to schools; strengthening of adult discussion groups; and website development.

Country(ies): Worldwide

Region: Multiple

U.S. State: OR

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Congressional interest project